

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] Tests of mineral fiberboard coated with the coating composition of the invention were also conducted. A prime coat was applied to the mineral fiberboard before the textured coating was applied, in order to impart a white color to the board. The NRC value of the prime coated mineral fiberboard was approximated ~~0.65~~ 0.70. The coating composition of the present invention was then applied to the prime coated mineral fiberboard. The resulting fiberboard exhibited an NRC rating of ~~0.70~~ 0.65. The texture of the double coated mineral fiberboard was 39 ml/sq ft and was virtually indistinguishable from conventional Dune panels which have an NRC value of approximately 0.30 and a texture value of approximately 41 ml/ sq ft.